

\$20,000 Fire Sweeps S. Side Building

Factory Razed, Neighborhood Is Threatened

Steel Beams Wilted, Garages Gutted

A sudden 2-alarm fire rampaged through a South Side neighborhood early today, demolishing part of a factory, gutting three garages and threatening the entire residential area.

The fire broke out in the Service Spring Co., 735 St. Paul St., shortly before 2 a. m., causing \$20,000 damages.

A watchman, Vern Richter, discovered a small blaze in the northeast corner of the factory. He tried to call firemen, but found the office phone out of order. A passing police car spotted the leaping flames a few minutes later.

Call Extra Vehicles
Extra vehicles were called as a protection against ignition of nearby gas tanks.

A Pure Oil Co. storage building is located next door to the service company.

Firemen said 20,000 barrels of crude oil were stored under the factory but that flames did not reach the area. The fuel oil is used in the firm's blast furnaces.

Wilted Steel Beams
Firemen confined the factory fire to the northeast corner. The intense heat wilted 12-inch steel beams and left them crumpled like straws. A tar roof covering carried flames into the rest of the factory but fireproof construction kept it from inflicting heavy damages.

O. J. Strayer, president of the firm which manufactures automobile springs, said damages would total at least \$20,000. He said the plant will be out of operation about two weeks.

The flames jumped an alley and gutted three garages in the 2300 block of Hoyt Ave. Residents began moving their furniture out of houses in the area as it appeared winds might whip the flames over the neighborhood.

Residents said they tried to summon firemen when the first flames were spotted but that telephones were out of service over the entire area.

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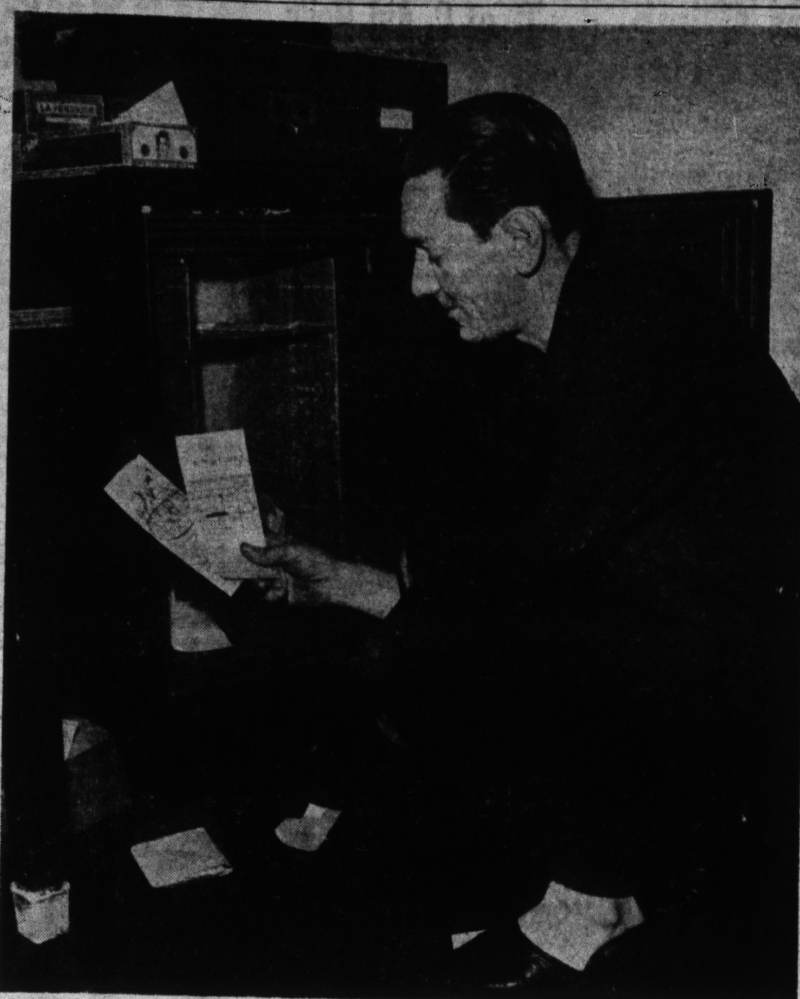
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LIBERAL VIEW LEAGUE CLUB HOLDUP—For the second time in six weeks, Roll Hoss, co-owner of the South Side night club, was held up, probably by the same men. Getting practically no cash in the first holdup, the bandits early today got \$6000 from the club's safe. Here L. S. Pratt, club co-owner, kneels by the empty safe. Only a dinner check or two remain.

Snow, Rain Make Driving Hazardous

Little Change Seen In Weather Here

Driving became hazardous as highways in the northern portions of Indiana were covered with packed snow or ice today while rain fell all over the state, the state police said.

In the Dunes State Park area, roads were covered with snow, but a warm rain was slightly breaking it up.

In the area around Lafayette, highways were reported wet and slushy. Traffic was not tied up, however.

Roads Glazed With Ice
A light snow in the Elkhart area yesterday caused roads in northeastern Indiana to be glazed with ice. In the section around Pendleton, highways also were dangerous as a freezing rain fell this morning.

Light rain fell in the south portions of the state but did not present any driving hazard, state police said. No snow was expected in the central or southern parts of the state.

The generally cloudy conditions here, caused by an area of low pressure moving across the state, are expected to continue for a while, but no extreme cold is expected.

Temperatures today are expected to range between 38 and 42 degrees. Low for tonight will be between 33 and 35.

Predictions are that the Wabash River will reach the flood stage at Terre Haute tomorrow morning, though no serious consequences are expected because most of the Indiana rivers are falling slightly.

The Weather Bureau said it is unlikely that the Ohio River will overflow its banks unless prolonged rains come to the southern part of the state.

Heavy snows in eastern Nebraska sent the Platte and Elkhorn Rivers over their banks. Train service was rerouted through Omaha and many highways were flooded and others blocked by snow.

Seven inches of snow was reported in Chicago this morning.

Czechs Ban U. S. Paper

PRAGUE, Mar. 2 (UP)—The United States embassy announced today it received an official notice banning two issues of the U. S. Information Service bulletin in Czechoslovakia.

as the bishop of his church, in spite of all its enemies.

Soon after this, according to the Serbian National Defense Council of America, he was jailed by the OZNA secret police.

Bishop Varnava, according to the Council, is now being accused by Tito's regime of collaboration with the Croat Ustashi. The Council brands this "a most preposterous lie," declaring that the Ustashi slaughtered more than 700,000 of Bishop Varnava's Orthodox brethren during the war, including bishops and many of the clergy.

The former Hoosier spent six years in fasting and prayer before becoming the bishop.

His aunt, Mrs. Soka Colovich, still lives here. On the back of a photograph she recently received, Bishop Varnava had inscribed in Serbian, "To my good and dear cousins in the blessed land of liberty and plentifulness."

The Serbian Defense Council, urging State Department action in behalf of the bishop, declares that he is an American citizen by birthright and has never renounced his citizenship.

James to Open GHQ; Form 2 Jenner Clubs

Lt. Gov. Richard T. James said today he would open a headquarters within a week for his campaign to win the Republican nomination for governor.

At the same time formation of two new clubs supporting Sen. William E. Jenner for the nomination was announced.

Mr. James said opening of his headquarters and appointment of a campaign manager would climax several weeks of statewide organizational activity.

The newest Jenner clubs were the United Negro Jenner-for-Governor Club headed by Columbus Morgan, and the Jenner-for-Governor Boosters Club of Marion County headed by Roy Standiford, 1715 Carrollton Ave.

Capehart Fights To Save VA Jobs

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2—Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R. Ind.) office today announced that efforts will be made to save the jobs of 15 Indiana veterans who have been working as lawyers with the Veterans Administration in Indianapolis.

They have been on the adjudication and rating boards and are being discharged on Mar. 31 by the nationwide VA retrenchment program. Three of them placed their plight before Ray S. Donaldson, administrative assistant to Sen. Capehart, who promised help.

On Job Since 1946
Those here from Indianapolis are Edward A. Schurman, John L. Orr and Andrew Peltrey. They have been with Veterans Administration since 1946. They argue that they have been unable to obtain Civil Service status since no examinations have been held and therefore are being discriminated against. Mr. Donaldson directed their complaints to both Veterans Administration and the Civil Service Commission, he said.

Sen. Capehart and his secretary, Charles L. Eggenroad, are in Kansas City where the Senator is conducting hearings on how steel shortages affects small businesses in that area. The Senator is a member of the Senate Small Business Committee.

Mayor Swings Economy Ax on Asphalt Plant

The separate asphalt plant operated by the City Park Board to pave its own driveways, was ordered abandoned today by Mayor Feeney.

"Operating that plant is a waste of money," said the Mayor. "The street department asphalt plant can do all that work at less cost."

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY
Indianapolis Council of Women—AYES Auditorium.
School for Home Planners, sponsored by the school board and 15 local organizations—afternoon and night, Y.M.C.A. Wiltshire College & Columbia Club.
5-10 p. m., St. Mark's United Lutheran Church.
American Guild of Organists, Indiana Chapter—8 p. m., North Methodist Church.
Indiana Farm Bureau Co-Operative Association—Sevier Hotel.
Betsey Club—Claypool Hotel.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES
Gerald Daniel, 1215 S. Pershing; Mildred Ferguson, 211 Agnes St.
Paul Arnold Phillips, 3416 N. Salem; Wilma Louise Fayton, 3416 N. Salem.
Verne A. Adams, 2 E. Belmont; Bernice E. Hagg, 575 N. Belmont.
Rube Lehman, General Hospital.
Virgil Homer McGee, 626 Park Ave.; Mary E. Moore, 626 Park Ave.
Donald P. Kittredge, 6427 Park Ave.; Margaret E. Weingarten, 4124 N. Pennsylvania St.

BIRTHS
At St. Francis—Cecil, Marguerite Kelly; Virgil, Lillian Purdy; Nathan, Doris Reiser.
At General—Alva, Claudia Marie Adams; Edward, Louise Beck; James, Lucille Gooden.
At Coleman—Charles, Louise Fuller; Robert, Florence Hartley; Gene, Elsie Rose.
At Methodist—Carrill, Marilyn Raymond; Kenneth, Paula Marie; Donald, Arthur.

DEATHS
Oscar Clarence Smith, at Long, cerebral pneumonia.
Ellen A. Dugan, 72, at St. Vincent's pneumonia.
Alberta Mendonhall, 65, at 450 W. 29th, pneumonia.
Sophia Osenforth, 81, at 2324 Brookside, myocardial.
George Philip Kish, 66, at 2725 College, cerebral hemorrhage.
Greta E. Karry, 77, at 550 E. Vermont, sclerotic heart.
Harry Rafferty, 11, at 1125 Pleasant, coronary thrombosis.
Ella Hornaday Anderson, 82, at General, pneumonia.
Anna Elizabeth Giesey, 19, at Long, pneumonia.
William H. Patterson, 78, at 123 E. Raymond, arteriosclerosis.
Edna Josephine Perkins, 65, at 636 N. 1st, coronary thrombosis.
Bevill, coronary thrombosis.
Joseph E. Young, 75, at 1200 E. Vermont, myocarditis.
Flora Elmer McNeil, 95, at 624 E. 12th, arteriosclerosis.

SLAIN—Mrs. Evelyn Ellis, 28-year-old divorcee, was slain yesterday by her ex-husband, Fred Ellis, a mental patient.

2 Groups Seek Support in Gas Rate Probe

Landlords, Veterans Enter Council Fight

Members of two Indianapolis organizations today were seeking supporters among the City Council to back a resolution which would launch an investigation of the Citizens Gas & Coke Utility.

The resolution, which charges the company with mismanagement, was presented to the council last night but was turned down because of a ruling which requires all ordinances and resolutions be filed with City Clerk by noon of the day of Council meeting.

Even so, it was indicated last night that one Councilman was ready to introduce the measure but was stopped by Christian Emhardt, council president, on the grounds that the filing rule could not be by-passed.

Say Rates Too High
The resolution was brought to the meeting by Robert Troughton, American Veterans Committee representative, and A. E. Wentmore, president of American Home Owners Union, an Indianapolis group of landlords.

The measure charges "that gas rates are too high and asks the council to expedite a hearing on charges of mismanagement which the backers contend is still pending in Circuit Court."

An ordinance introduced by J. Porter Seidensticker would authorize the city to hire an electrical engineer to make an investigation, survey and accounting of the electric light bills charged the city by Indianapolis Power & Light Co.

Cab Ordinance Passed
The electrical engineer, W. F. Sully, would receive 40 per cent of all overcharges.

The bootleg cab ordinance which imposes heavy penalties for the operation of unlicensed taxi cabs was passed unanimously by the council last night.

The measure also outlaws the use of any system of communication to hire or solicit service. Although the measure contains some unlicensed cabs have carried advertisements in the telephone directory.

In other action last night the council:

ONE: Authorized sale of the City's No. 1 car, a 1947 Packard. Mayor Feeney has said he would drive his own car, a 1947 Cadillac, and had no need for the other vehicle.

TWO: Introduced an ordinance which would repeal center of the street parking in the first block in Virginia Ave.

THREE: Struck from the files a resolution calling for intervention in the Indianapolis Railways, Inc., rate case. Councilmen learned no cases were pending in courts or Public Service Commission.

Push County Suit On Print Contract

The Marion County Commissioners are going to Greenfield tomorrow morning to attempt to wind up a year-old court fight.

The fight is between the commissioners and the Burford Printing Co. over a contract awarded to the Sentinel Co. in December, 1946.

Taxpayer plaintiffs in the case are George R. Hollingsworth, a former member of the county council and Henry Danner, president of the Burford Printing Co. They contend that the Burford Co. should have been awarded the contract.

Judge John Hinchman of Hancock Circuit Court will hear the case.

Dorch to Return Here Next Week

Carl Dorch, former government research director for the Chamber of Commerce, who has been on leave to the Federal Government, will return to his post in the Chamber of Commerce next week.

Mr. Dorch has been working on the Navy budget with Sen. Leverett Saltonstall and Styles Bridges. Having completed his work in Washington, D. C., he will return here to reactivate his C. of C.'s governmental research department.

STRAUSS SAYS: TRADITION WITH A TOUCH OF TOMORROW



DEAR SIR:—

This is a good day to drop in for a TOPCOAT—

And even at the risk of a suggestion—that seems in self-interest—we recommend getting it at The Man's Store!

Consider, for instance, a GABARDINE TOPCOAT—

Here is the one and only Gabardine Topcoat in which are combined the almost limitless resources of a world famed mill—BOTANY—and the skills of a fine specialty tailor—DAROFF—a none-such value at \$60

And these coats set a pattern for the selections—beyond and below—likewise the best at your price!

At \$45 & \$50—from the Alpagora people—the outstanding coat house in the field of popular price!

And in the field of the finest—Gabardine topcoats—Customized by Hickey Freeman in the neighborhood of \$100

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